IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A selective suppressor of the IgE production comprising a compound which suppresses the IgE production in a process from a differentiation of a mature B cell into an antibody-producing cell to the production of an antibody and which does not suppress or weakly suppresses the production of IgG, IgM and/or IgA which are produced at the same time.

2. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 1, wherein a suppression of the IgE production is 10,000 times or more that of the IgG, IgM and/or IgA production.

3. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 1 which does not suppress 50 % or more of the IgG, IgM and/or IgA production even at 10,000 times of the concentration at which 50 % of the IgE production is suppressed as compared with that in the absence of the suppressor.

4. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 which suppresses 90 % or more of the IgE production, as compared with that without administration of the suppressor, at which dosage the suppressor does not suppress or weakly

suppresses the IgM, IgG and/or IgA production when the suppressor is administered to a mammal sensitized by an allergen.

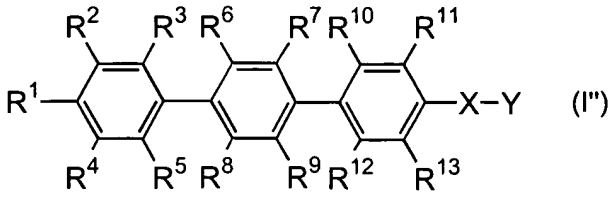
5. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 which suppresses infiltration of an inflammatory cell to tissue.

6. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 5, wherein the inflammatory cell is an eosinophil and/or a neutrophil.

7. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 4 which suppresses infiltration of an inflammatory cell to tissue.

8. (Original) The selective suppressor of the IgE production claimed in claim 7 wherein the inflammatory cell is an eosinophil and/or a neutrophil.

9. (New) A selective suppressor of the IgE production comprising a compound of the formula (I''):



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wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 ,R^8, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, carboxy, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyloxy, optionally substituted lower alkylthio, optionally substituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyloxy, optionally substituted lower alkylsulfinyl, nitro, cyano, formyl, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted carbamoyl, optionally substituted sulfamoyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl,

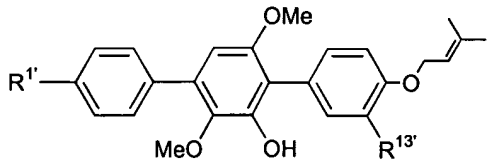
X is -O-, $-CH_2-$, $-NR^{14}-$ wherein R^{14} is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl or acetyl, or -S(O)p- wherein p is an integer of 0 to 2,

Y is optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted

heterocyclyl, and Y may optionally be substituted lower alkoxy when X is $-CH_2-$ and may optionally be substituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyl or optionally substituted arylsulfonyl when X is -O- or $-NR^{14}-$,

R^1 and R^4, R^1 and R^2, R^2 and R^3, R^4 and R^5, R^6 and R^7, R^8 and R^9, R^{10} and R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{13}, R^{11} and -X-Y, or R^{13} and -X-Y taken together may form a 5- or 6-membered ring which may contain one or more of O, S or NR^{15} wherein R^{15} is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl or optionally substituted arylsulfonyl and which may optionally be substituted,

excluding a compound of the formula (I'):



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wherein $R^{1'}$ is hydrogen or hydroxy and $R^{13'}$ is hydroxy or methoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.